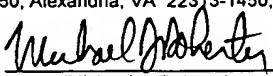


I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: 2/20/04

Signature:

  
(Michael J. Doherty)

Docket No.: STRASS 3.0-002  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Strasser et al.

Application No.: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit:

Filed: To Be Assigned

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: FIRE HOSE HAVING ILLUMINATED  
SLEEVE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

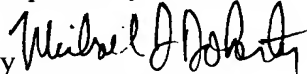
It is respectfully requested that the references listed on the enclosed form be made of record and considered with respect to the above-referenced U.S. patent application. Submission of the present Information Disclosure Statement should not be taken as an admission that the cited references are legally available prior art or that the same are pertinent or material.

In the event that any fee is due in connection with the present Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

Dated:

2/20/04

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Michael J. Doherty

Registration No.: 40,592

LERNER, DAVID, LITTENBERG,  
KRUMHOLZ & MENTLIK, LLP

600 South Avenue West

Westfield, New Jersey 07090

(908) 654-5000

Attorney for Applicant

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (Use as many sheets as necessary)				<b>Complete if Known</b>	
				Application Number	
				Filing Date	
				First Named Inventor	Richard T. Strasser
				Art Unit	
				Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	STRASS 3.0-002

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
	AA	US-382,501	8/1997	Clement	
	AB	US-2,052,404	8/1936	Kearsley	
	AC	US-2,855,497	10/1958	Bacon	
	AD	US-3,810,250	5/1974	McGregor	
	AE	US-4,179,160	12/1979	Sabo	
	AF	US-4,291,839	9/1981	Brett	
	AG	US-4,471,412	9/1984	Mori	
	AH	US-4,489,308	12/1984	Logan Jr., et al.	
	AI	US-4,844,000	7/1989	Clement	
	AJ	US-4,901,922	2/1990	Kessener et al.	
	AK	US-5,027,741	7/1991	Smith et al.	
	AL	US-5,042,613	8/1991	Hermann	
	AM	US-5,115,973	5/1992	Fuller et al.	
	AN	US-5,130,909	7/1992	Gross	
	AO	US-4,140,301	8/1992	Watanabe	
	AP	US-5,267,129	11/1993	Anderson	
	AQ	US-5,326,052	7/1994	Krispin et al.	
	AR	US-5,333,639	8/1994	Nelson	
	AS	US-5,491,617	2/1996	Currie	
	AT	US-5,539,624	7/1996	Dougherty	
	AU	US-5,572,183	11/1996	Sweeney	
	AV	US-5,623,890	4/1997	Lenske	
	AW	US-5,709,455	1/1998	Danekas et al.	
	AX	US-5,795,053	8/1998	Pierce	
	AY	US-5,815,068	9/1998	Vadseth	
	AZ	US-5,873,647	2/1999	Kurtz et al.	
	AA1	US-5,988,101	11/1999	Jacobs et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>3</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> -Number <sup>4</sup> -Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>2</sup>

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--